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MEMORANDUM FOR:

> PB/NSC Coordination Staff, NFAC

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FROM :

> Chief, Requirements and Evaluation Staff, NFAC

SUBJECT : National Priorities--Soviets in Cuba (S)

In response to your request, we have reviewed the guidance pro-
vided over time in the National Intelligence Topics and in the Attach-
ment to DCID 1/2 concerning Soviet military activities in Cuba. While
the subject is not specifically listed in the NITs, the DCID 1/2 At-
tachment calls for relatively high priority attention to such concerns,
as noted in TAB A. A similar comparison of related NITs is appended
as TAB B. (S)

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ATTACHMENT TO DCID 1/2

1. (S) The Basic U.S. Foreign Intelligence Requirements
Categories and Priorities (attachment to DCID 1/2) is "intended
to provide basic guidance to all intelligence activities, including
those concerned with collection, analysis, and production." As
currently understood, the DCID 1/2 matrix of objectives and
priorities "provides a comprehensive statement of requirements
categories and priorities, derived from and consistent with the
categorization and prioritization of the National Intelligence
Topics of Basic Long-term Interest (NITs)." The DCID 1/2 Attachment
is the product of an annual review by the Intelligence Community
that is orchestrated by the Collection Tasking Staff. The Attachment
is issued by the DCI, after review by the National Foreign Intelligence
Board.

2. (C) The annual preparation of a comprehensive listing of
U.S. intelligence objectives and priorities was begun in 1972, as
required by the revised DCID 1/2. The DCID itself has been reviewed
and revised several times since; the current version was promulgated
effective 17 February 1977. DCID 1/2 Attachments have been issued
as follows:

Issued	Period Covered
January 1972	FY 73-77
March 1974	FY 75-79
April 1975	FY 76-80
March 1976	FY 77-81
August 1977	Current priorities (and basis for projecting longer range requirements and priorities)
July 1979	In conjunction with NITs, "the longer term"

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TOPICS

The National Intelligence Topics (NITs) are established by the NSC Policy Review Committee, in accordance with Executive Order 12036, "as requirements and priorities for use by the intelligence agencies of the US Government." The Topics of Current Interest were recently reviewed and updated by the Policy Review Committee (Intelligence). "They are intended to inform intelligence collectors and producers of the needs of senior policymakers for information and analysis over the next six to nine months." The Topics of Basic Long-Term Interest are "intended to guide the development of capabilities of the Intelligence Community for collection, research, and analysis over the longer term. (S)

The Current NITs are assigned Priorities A through C, with the Priority A's being of greatest concern. The Basic NITs are prioritized on a scale of 1 through 6, on a descending scale of importance. The Basic NITs are compatible with the DCID 1/2 Attachment.

The NITs were originally issued in August 1978. A revised version (updated Current NITs) was issued in July 1979. The basic NITs ordinarily will be revised once a year; the Current NITs, every six months. Both sets of NITs are scheduled for review by the PRC(I) during January 1980. (C)

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